THE MINISTER OF POWR (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The total budgetary outlay for Rural Electrification Corporation during the year 2006-07 is NIL.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Power crisis in Delhi

59. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power situation in the whole Northern States and more particularly in Delhi is very grim;

(b) if so, the demand and supply of power in the Capital;

(c) whether there is a huge gap in the demand-supply of power; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to meet the demand of power in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) State-wise power supply position in Northern Region including Delhi during the current year (April-June, 2006) is given below:

Figures in MU net Figures in MW net

State/ System/ Region	April, 2006-June, 2006				April, 2006-June, 2006			
	Require-ment	Avail-ability	Suplus/ Deficit (-)		Peak Demand	Peak Met	Surplus/ Deficit (-)	
	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(%)	(MU)	(MW)	(MW)	(%)
Chandigarh	359	356	-3	-0.8	264	234	-30	-11.4
Delhi	6,208	6,091	-117	-1.9	3,843	3,736	-107	-2.8
Haryana	6,473	5,898	-575	-8.9	4,550	4,235	-315	-6.9
Himachal Pradesh	1,142	1,139	-3	-0.3	715	715	0	0.0
Jammu & Kashmir	2,568	1,909	-659	-25.7	1,400	1,175	-225	-16.1
Punjab	9,454	8,606	-648	-6.9	7,700	6,080	-1,620	-21.0
Rajasthan	7,909	7,535	-374	-4.7	4,763	4,291	-472	-9.9
Uttar Pradesh	14,200	11,183	-3,017	-21.2	8,114	6,399	-1,715	-21.1
Uttaranchal	1,373	1,318	-55	-4.0	939	897	-42	-4.5
Northern Region	49,686	44,235	-5,451	-11.0	29,648	26,283	-3,365	-11.3

(d) The Northern Grid had been operating at a low frequency on account of rise in demand and reduced availability of generation. While the energy requirement and peak demand in Northern Grid during April-June, 2006 increasd by 5.3% and 6.2% as compared to April-June, 2005, the increase in energy availability and peak met in the corresponding period was only of the order of 3.2% and 5.7% respectively. The following measures have been taken by the Government to augment power supply in Delhi:

(i) Ministry of Power has facilitated singing of Memorandum of Understanding/Power Purchase Agreement by Delhi Transco Ltd. (DTL) with Tehri Hydro Development Corporation and NTPC Ltd. for a total of about 1574 MW of power. Delhi is expected to have additional power availability from Tehri HEP (4x250 MW) as well as thermal stations of the Eastern Region in lieu of Tala power (6x170 MW) allocated to Eastern Region constituents, which are likely to be commissioned in phases starting from July/August, 2007.

(ii) All possible assistance is provided from time to time to meet immediate requirements, by way of utilization of capacity of gas-based stations on liquid fuel.

(iii) Financial assistance has also been provided to Delhi under Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme (APDRP) for improvement of sub-transmission and distribution system as a major step towards reduction of aggregate technical and commercial losses.

New nano-biotechnology policy

60. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have designed any new nano-biotechnology policy in order to harness its immense potential in various sectors and work out adequate budgetary allocations for this emerging technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the allocations made/to be made for this purpose during the last two years; and